

MINUTES

Los Angeles, California

September 25 and 26, 1975

Members Present: Moore, Presiding; Aines; Becker; Casey;
Cuadra; Dunlap; Goland (Friday only);
Lerner; Lorenz; Velde; and Wu

Staff Present : Trezza; Price; Reszetar; and Cranwell

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with minor revisions as suggested by the Commission members.

American Indians

Commissioners viewed a film prepared by NIEA which showed--contrary to present belief--that Indians will use libraries and library facilities if they are available.

White House Conference

Mrs. Moore, Presiding Chairman, proposed the development of a position paper which would reflect the ideas of the Commissioners. The suggestion was unanimously approved. A subcommittee consisting of Aines (Chairman), Lorenz, Becker, Cuadra and Lerner was appointed. The Commissioner's views of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services follow:

Wu--Get endorsement of organizations. Get community input and support. The White House Conference is a major vehicle for NCLIS. States should have final authority in setting up agendas.

Aines--(1) Tie to Bicentennial; (2) Raise to consciousness III in community; (3) Involve decision-makers and political people to see why this community is in ferment; (4) Strengthen leadership role of Commission and use this to launch National Program; (5) Get a clear enunciation of issues and problems that face us all. Get the American people convinced that program will contribute to common good; (6) Show benefits; and (7) A good idea if we relate the WHC to certain major problems in the United States.

Becker--State strategic and tactical objectives of the National Program. Produce action documents for implementation. Achieve recognition of nonuniform change to achieve uniform state capability results. All past WHC's have been dismal failures. Need orchestration. Strategic objectives are: lots of individual and broad goals and unify those responsible for making change of policy; tactical, short-range objectives. Unify responsible components. Need common set of objectives.

Lorenz--Endorsed Aines points. Added: Opportunity to get basic precepts in writing. Public information opportunity. Get library and information services across to citizens as a culmination of the American ideal. Get state leaders committed to program without expecting everything to come from the Federal Government. Develop awareness of problems of metropolitan libraries, whose real clientele cross state lines. Develop legislative proposals. Develop understanding of interdependence, e.g., local, state, Federal and international. Keep statements simple. Importance of consciousness-raising stressed. Establish a feeling of commitment on the part of the states and development of regional. Its up to the Federal Government to merge the state's interests into regional over state boundaries. The Federal Government needs to play an important role. The more specific we can be about where we need to go in the future, the better the conference will be.

Cuadra--(1) Not seeking endorsement; (2) meet objectives of the WHC law. Define criteria for this; (3) translate requirements into need for Federal money. Listen to needs as expressed by users; (4) define roles (Federal, state, local, Commission, associations, private sector, etc.); and (5) educate government, Commission, and each other. How they view what we and they have been accomplishing; (5) harness and focus the energy of the people of that meeting.

Lerner--More important what comes out than what goes into it. Not a planning meeting. Raise consciousness on both sides. Develop a cadre of citizens who will espouse our cause across the country. Develop clear and presently attainable goals for actual implementation. Recommendations should be made into clear and attainable goals which can become a reality.

Velde--Develop an awareness of the vast gap between what is and what could be if we put our minds to it. Do not limit goals. This may be one possibility to have a greater awareness of what people could have in today's world. Opportunity for free media coverage.

Update of Matrix on NPD

Mr. Becker stated, "At our last meeting we decided that the National Program Committee would turn its efforts toward the refinement of the National Program using the philosophy described, and keeping in mind areas requiring new legislation." Mr. Becker requested each Commissioner's suggestions and modifications in updating the NPD matrix.

Specific areas discussed were:

Objective 1--Explore the reasonable formulas that would assist certain areas of the country to obtain the resources they would need to "catch up." COSLA and ASLA would be interested in a task force to help in the development of a formula. The Commission should fund such a task force.

Objective 2--Develop formulas for developing special needs. This would be a task force effort rather than a contract or a grant. No suggestions were made for participation in such a task force.

Objective 3--Strengthen state resources and equip them to involve network programs within each state. Future legislation would have to take this into account. Task force effort.

Objective 4--Education. How to improve curricula, training, etc. Can a task force handle this? Work needs to be done in this area.

Objective 5--Coordinate Federal efforts. What can we do to accelerate development of such a network? Mr. Lorenz suggested the Commission request a report from the Federal Library Committee which the Commission could then respond to. After an updated report has been received from the FLC, the Commission may decide to issue a resolution.

Objective 6--The private sector. How to make them a more active partner in the National Program. Paper prepared by Col. Aines and distributed to each member is a possible first step in this direction.

Objective 7--Where to place a permanent responsibility for library activity in the Federal Government. Bystrom's paper may provide insight, however, it has not, as yet, been received.

Objective 8--Development of Network Standards. Discussions have been held with Henriette Avram, Library of Congress. Ms. Avram indicated an interest in LC's working on a task force for a conference. Particular emphasis would be placed on basic input to nationwide network development and discussion of immediate pressing problems. Ruth Davis, National Bureau of Standards, is receptive to using some NBS research money to identify with this objective.

Identification of centralized service was outlined. Identify services and determine what the relationship of the Federal Government would be to such services. State criteria. A national responsibility may exist between the Federal Government and organizations like OCLC.

Objective 9--National Periodicals Bank. Interface with other existing networks. Joe Becker has talked with Mel Day, National Library of Medicine, regarding funding a study of how the National Program can interface with NLM's. Discussions will be pursued.

Mr. Becker stated his desire to have a project supporting each objective. He is preparing a new matrix with the new information included to be completed by October 17.

International Relations

Mr. Lerner motioned, and Mrs. Wu seconded, that action on a proposal that "NCLIS organize and sponsor a major meeting of concerned library and information specialists to discuss, evaluate, and suggest the general and specific responsibilities of NCLIS in the international field" be deferred until the next meeting.

National Inventory of Library Needs

The Advisory Committee will consist of:

Dr. Marcia Bates, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland;
 Mr. Meredith Bloss, New Haven Free Public Library, New Haven, Connecticut;
 Mr. David Carrington, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.;
 Mrs. Elizabeth Hughey, U.S. Office of Education, Office of Libraries and Learning Resources, Washington, D.C.;
 Dr. David Kaser, Bloomington, Indiana;
 Dr. John McDonald, Association of Research Libraries, Washington, D.C.;
 Dr. Frank Schick, National Center for Education Statistics, USOE, Washington, D.C.;
 Mr. Joseph F. Shubert, The State Library of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio
 Dr. C. J. Wallington, Association for Educational Communications and Technology, Washington, D.C.

Library of Congress' Role in the National Network Study

The Library of Congress and the NCLIS have selected an advisory committee and a principal investigator for the study of the role of the Library of Congress in the national network for libraries and information science. Mr. Lawrence F. Buckland, President of Inforonics, Inc., of Maynard, Massachusetts, will serve as principal investigator for the study. Henriette Avram, Chief of the Library's MARC Development Office, is project director.

The advisory committee members are:

Warren Haas, Vice President of Information and Services and University Librarian, Columbia University;

Frederick G. Kilgour, Executive Director of the Ohio Library Center;

Samuel Lazerow, Senior Vice President, Institute for Scientific Information;

Lawrence G. Livingston, Program Officer, Council on Library Resources, Inc.

Maryan E. Reynolds, Formerly Washington State Librarian;

James P. Riley, Executive Director of the Federal Library Committee;

William J. Welsh, Director of the Processing Department, Library of Congress.

Representing NCLIS on the committee are: Andrew A. Aines; Joseph Becker; Carlos A. Cuadra; and Alphonse F. Trezza.

National and Regional Resource and Bibliographic Centers

Task force is in the process of being appointed.

Task Force on a National Periodical Center(s)

The following persons have been invited, and have accepted, to serve as members of a Task Force:

Art Hamlin, representing ARL, is Chairman of the ARL Committee on Periodicals;

Warren Haas, because of his role with the Center for Research Libraries;

Russell Shank, because of his role with the U.S. Book Exchange;

Alice Wilcox, because of her role with MINITEX in Minnesota;

Mel Day, representing NLM;

Richard Farley, representing the National Agricultural Library;

James Wood from the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services;

Eugene Garfield from the Institute for Scientific Information;
 Steve McCarthy, representing the Council on Library Resources;
 John Humphry from the New York State Library;
 Robert McClarren from the North Suburban Library System in
 Illinois, representing the public library systems;
 Richard Boss of Princeton, representing the large research
 libraries;
 David Weber of Stanford, also representing large research
 libraries; and
 Bill Welsh from the Library of Congress.

There will be three NCLIS Commissioners to serve on the task
 force: Andrew A. Aines; Joseph Becker; and Carlos A. Cuadra.

This task force will begin working soon on moving toward a
 resolution of setting up national periodical center or centers.

Related Papers

Status of the related papers is as follows:

- #15 - New Federal Authority and Locus of Responsibility--John
 Bystrom - Has not yet been received.
- #16 - Relationship and Involvement of the Multi-State Library
 and Information Community with the National Program for
 Library and Information Services--Maryann Duggan - Has
 not yet been received.
- #18 - Availability and Accessibility of Government Publications
 in the National Program for Library and Information Services--
 Bernard Fry - Has not yet been received.
- #19 - Cost Comparisons of Alternative Bibliographic Access Systems--
 Saul Herner - Paper was rejected. Rewrite suggested.
- #20 - University Libraries and the National Program for Library
 and Information Services--John McDonald - Has not yet been
 received.
- #21 - Federal Libraries and Information Centers--James Riley -
 Two drafts have been received; revision underway.
- #22 - Quantitative Data Required to Support and Implement a
 National Program for Library and Information Services--
 Theodore Samore - Working on final revision.

- #23 - Urban Information Centers and their Interface with the National Program for Library and Information Services-- Jane E. Stevens - Ready to be reproduced and sent to Commissioners.
- #24 - The Role of Professional Associations in the National Program for Library and Information Services--Roderick Swartz - Still in the works. Difficulty in getting responses from Associations. Should be finished in early 1976.

Annual Report

Douglas Price has completed a draft of the Annual Report for review by several Commissioners. Dorothy Schwenz, NCLIS consultant, is preparing a portion on the Regional Hearings and Ray Swank is preparing a summary of the National Program Document to be included. Mr. Lerner offered his services for line drawings.

Public Information Committee

The Public Information Committee met on Wednesday, prior to the Commission meeting. As a result of that meeting, an outline was developed which included several points: (a) Who are we trying to reach?; (b) what is the approach?; (c) what is the aim?; (d) do we need a national citizens organization? (i.e., name change); (e) should we do this ourselves? If not, who should? The approach has to be a substantial public information program on a national level. Two basic items of input will be: (1) the program outline for public information which has been done by the PRB of Chicago for the ALA and (2) an experiment of the Illinois State Library of a media campaign to educate and inform the public about library and information services programs. It was felt that a change in the name of the national program is an important first step. Mr. Lerner will write up a more detailed summary of the meeting and send to each Commissioner. In the near future, a series of interviews with the Chairman and other members of the Commission with the national media should be held. Mr. Lerner suggested Mr. Trezza contact the Education Editor of the Washington Post to arrange for an article, perhaps in the "Parade Magazine." Another suggestion was that the national program be referred to as the "Franklin" or "Jefferson" Project.

Committee on the Private Sector

Mr. Aines, Chairman of the Committee, presented an interim report on "The Aversion of Conflict Between the Information Services in the Public and Private Information Sectors." The paper outlined a statement of the problem; assumptions; facts bearing on the problem; findings and conclusions; and recommendations. The recommendations are:

- (1) The National Commission should launch a fact-finding inquiry into the subject;
- (2) The National Commission should open a dialogue with the Science Adviser to the President and the Director of the National Science Foundation;
- (3) The National Commission should consider forming an advisory group, which will have membership from the public and private sectors, to study certain aspects of the problem and make recommendations that might lead to better policy and necessary legislation;
- (4) The National Commission, after its initial fact-finding action is completed, might find it advisable to report and discuss the problem with Congress, the Office of the President, and other appropriate agencies and organizations. This course of action would be followed if the results are deemed sufficiently serious.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Messrs. Burkhardt, Lorenz, Trezza, Aines and Miss Scott would meet to discuss the issues and actions contained in the report before particular action could be taken in this area. There was definite support for this type of study.

Library Photocopying and Copyright

A resolution, presented by Mr. Trezza, on the subject of Library Photocopying and Copyright was widely discussed. At the suggestion of John Lorenz the resolution was reworded and approved by the Commission.

Resolutions

Several resolutions, presented by Mr. Trezza, were discussed, revisions were suggested and approved by the Commission for release to the public. Copy attached.

Oettinger Report

Commissioners were requested to read the final draft letter prepared by the staff suggesting changes, corrections, etc., for the Oettinger report. Comments from the Commissioners must be received within two weeks. Mr. Casey recommended that NCLIS not publish the report at all.

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LIST OF PRIVACY - RELATED COMMISSIONS

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- A Privacy Protection Study Commission
- B Commission for the Review of Federal and State Laws Relating to Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance
- C National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- D Commission on Federal Paperwork
- E Public Documents Commission
- F National Commission on Electronic Fund Transfers
- G National Commission to Preserve the Confidentiality of Health Records (private)
- H Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States
- J National Commission on New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Works
- K National Commission on Libraries and Information Science
- L National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research